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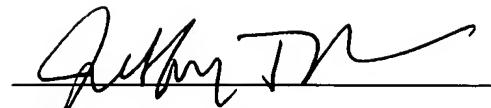

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List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

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1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
 - 7A. EPO Search Report
 - 7B. English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
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NOTE :"Once the minimum requirements are met, the examiner has an obligation to consider the information." Notice of April 20, 1992 (1138 O.G. 37-41, 37).

Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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	AA	1792906	1931/02	Heilos	251/209
	AB	2313551	1943/03	Hurlbut	417/387
	AC	2526017	1950/10	Figg	251/209
	AD	2703055	1955/03	Veth et. al.	417/205
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	AH	3570486	1971/03	Engelsher et. al.	128/218
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	AP	4247018	1981/01	Credle	222/001
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	AR	4468219	1984/08	George et. al.	604/067
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	AU	4479762	1984/10	Bilstad et. al.	417/395
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	AW	4634430	1987/01	Polaschegg	604/141
	AX	4648868	1987/03	Hardwick et. al.	604/032
	AY	4662540	1987/05	Schroter	222/055
	AZ	4667927	1987/05	Oscarsson	251/209
	BA	4696671	1987/09	Epstein et. al.	604/067
	BB	4721138	1988/01	Simonazzi	141/150
	BC	4778451	1988/10	Kamen	604/067

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	BF	4808161	1989/02	Kamen	604/067
	BG	4818186	1989/04	Pastrone et. al.	417/063
	BH	4826482	1989/05	Kamen	604/067
	BI	4828543	1989/05	Weiss et. al.	604/609
	BJ	4833922	1989/05	Frick et. al.	073/756
	BK	4850978	1989/07	Dudar et. al.	604/201
	BL	4855714	1989/08	Clarkson et. al.	340/521
	BM	4925444	1990/05	Orkin et. al.	604/250
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	BO	5005604	1991/04	Aslanian	137/556
	BP	5006050	1991/04	Cooke et. al.	417/478
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	BR	5051922	1991/09	Toral et. al.	364/510
	BS	5062774	1991/11	Kramer et. al.	417/413
	BT	5069792	1991/12	Prince et. al.	210/627
	BU	5088515	1992/02	Kamen	137/015
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	DA	5463228	1995/10	Krause	250/577
	DB	5474683	1995/12	Bryant et. al.	210/646
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	DD	5558255	1996/09	Sancoff et. al.	222/189.06
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Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

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The person making this certification is

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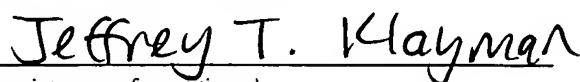
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